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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING THE STATE OF ,

GENERATION OF FOREIGN PARTICLES IN

SEMICONDUCTOR FABRICATION PROCESS

Group: 2877

Examiner: T. Nguyen

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

January 15, 2002

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 as follows:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This application is a continuation application of U.S. application Serial No. 08/535,577, filed September 28, 1995, which is a continuation application of U.S. application Serial

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